



Scuttle Hole Trail System #404

London Ranger District • Daniel Boone National Forest • Kentucky



London District
761 S. Laurel Road
London, KY 40744
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Location
From I-75 at London exit 38, turn west on KY 192. Go 14 miles, and then turn south (left) on KY 1193 for 1 mile. Turn west on KY 3497.



Open Dates
Trails open all year.



Fees
None



Picnic Shelter
In Rockcastle Campground.



Accessibility
This trail does not meet accessibility standards for persons with disabilities.



Trails are closed to motorized vehicles.



Consumption of alcohol and open containers of alcohol are prohibited.



Camping and firebuilding in rock shelters is prohibited.



You are responsible for your own safety. All outdoor activities have inherent risks and you may encounter a variety of unexpected and/or dangerous conditions. It is your responsibility to be informed and take precautions. Learn more at www.fs.usda.gov/r8.

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Scuttle Hole Trail System is located on the London Ranger District near the Rockcastle River and Lake Cumberland. The trail system features three trails. **Scuttle Hole Trail #404** (.75 miles) is a fairly easy hike which leads to three overlooks providing exceptional views of Lake Cumberland and the mouth of the Rockcastle River. Much of the trail follows the upper edge of a cliffline with cliffs dropping over 100 feet. A quarter-mile spur trail, **Scuttle Hole Trail #404A** descends through a large crevice, (the "Scuttle Hole") to connect this trail with the Dutch Branch Trail. There are 127 steps on this short section of the trail. Hiking difficulty is easy to moderate.

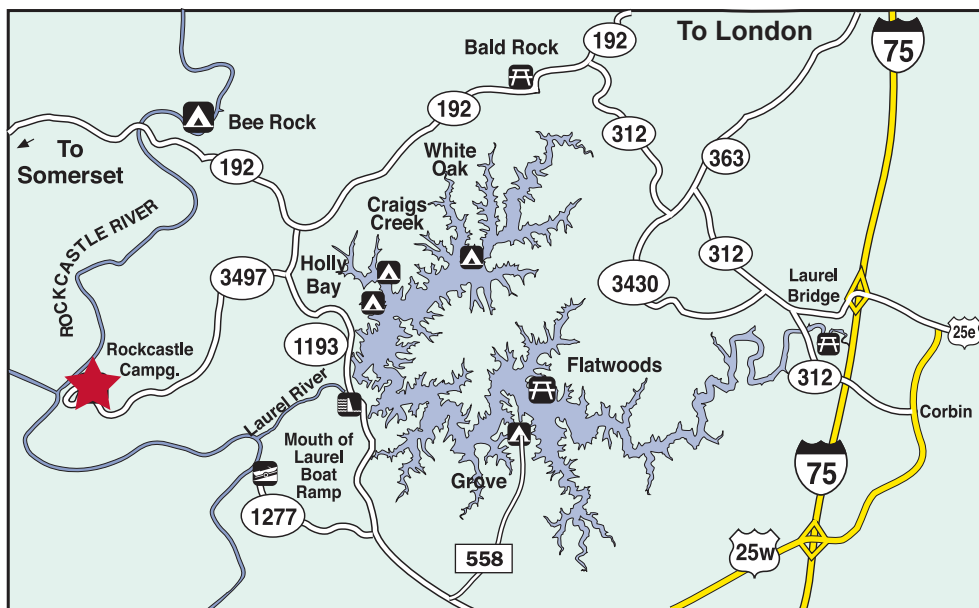
Begins:	KY 3497	Parking:	6-8 cars at trailhead
Ends:	Scuttle Hole	Closest town:	London or Corbin
Length:	0.75 miles	Surface:	Dirt
Quad:	Sawyer	Latitude:	36.9581891
County:	Laurel	Longitude:	-84.345646

Dutch Branch Trail #404B (.75 miles) is a loop that circles the lower drainage of Dutch Branch. The trail passes under several cliffs and rock shelters. During the spring there is a waterfall where Dutch Branch drops over the cliffline. This is a good trail for observing spring wildflowers. A short spur trail connects Dutch Branch Trail with the Scuttle Hole Trail. It is short but fairly steep.



CAUTION: Low lying areas are prone to flooding, so be alert for flooding when driving, camping or crossing streams in this area. Swift currents and undertows can make swimming and wading very hazardous.

FOOD STORAGE REQUIRED. Visitors in developed sites must store food, garbage and other odorous items that may attract bears in a bear-resistant container, inside their vehicle, or in an enclosed hard-body trailer. Backcountry campers must suspend food, garbage and odorous items at least 10 feet off the ground and four feet away from any tree or pole. All food leftovers and trash must be properly disposed of in a bear-resistant trash receptacle or other container where provided by the Forest Service.



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| KY Highway | Campground |
| County Road | Vault Toilets |
| Forest Road | Water |
| Forest Trail | Parking |
| Streams | Trailhead |
| Private Land | Picnic Shelter |
| National Forest Land | Boat Ramp |
| | Overlook |

0 0.125 0.25 Miles

